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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging about steady to barely steady, instances weak in all areas. Demand into all areas light to moderate, best where retail ads, fast food promotions, and first of the month business was active. Supplies were adequate to ample with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, at times moderate with some improvement reported. Supplies were in a better balance, but still at least sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 67.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on April 06, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.00
BREASTS - B/S	110.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00
LEG QUARTERS	17.00
WINGS	86.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly about steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for active retail ads, first of the month business, and fast food specials. Supplies were in a better position, but still readily available to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light to fair, and supplies were more manageable, but easily obtainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to available at competitive prices. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light to fair. The market tone was cautious but about steady on whole product. In the parts complex, breast items were in a better position, but still adequate for trade needs. Dark meat also improved and was at least sufficient for requirements. Wings were irregular but available.

**MIDWEST REGION** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully available on a limited trade call. Fill-in trade noted on whole fryers at 48 cents delivered into the Detroit market area. Movement into all channels continued irregular for first of the month, ranging light to good. Good retail activity was noted in the Detroit and Ohio market areas, while fast food received a good call where promoted in the Chicago area. Floor stocks were mixed, short to ample; sizes desirable. Parts trade activity was light to moderate on fully sufficient supplies. The market tone was generally steady on all parts with a barely steady undertone on dark meat cuts and wings.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were ample, with heavy weights in the longest position. Surplus product often reported as attractively discounted to help entice buyers' interest in additional items. Buying activity was fair at best. Retail demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were readily available for immediate needs.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

### UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 1, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED

### UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 1, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 1, 2006 were 2.28 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

### 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 04/01/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET		213,434	212,425	0
CHICKS PLACED		177,359	176,671	0

Source: USDA, NASS

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-May-06 is estimated at 163.2 million head. This compares to 163.1 million head the previous week and to 166.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.65 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APRIL 05, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	640	84.00-143.00	85-89	90.61
TENDERLOINS	218	90.00-150.00	92-98	94.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	148	16.00-38.00	17-19	19.49
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	607	11.00-16.00	12-13	12.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,030	13.00-25.00	14-15	14.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	67.00-96.00	-	73.40
WINGS (CUT)	285	87.00-96.00	90-94	91.91
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
31.50-36.00	33.02

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	779	81.00-149.00	85-90	92.96
TENDERLOINS	228	85.00-147.00	90-98	93.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	16.00-38.00	17-19	18.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	592	12.00-16.00	13-14	12.55
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,080	14.00-25.00	15-16	15.33
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	65.00-93.00	-	70.89
WINGS (CUT)	275	87.00-96.00	88-92	89.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.00-37.00	34.28	33.95

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity overall improved but movement was still in the light to moderate area. Offerings were not as available, but again fully adequate for current needs. Interest on white meat items and dark meat improved, but floor stocks were still sufficient for current needs. Tenders and small fronts were clearing, but wings remain available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to moderate, best where specials were either planned or in progress. The market tone was irregular but usually steady on most items.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	93.44	773,330
TENDERLOINS	95-100	99.06	282,990
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.51	111,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.41	153,000
LEGS	29-30	26.44	218,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	16.49	359,880
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	23.38	118,110
THIGHS	23-24	31.86	49,480
B/S THIGHS	69-70	65.15	121,620
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	65.86	258,180
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.19	29,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.13	29,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.75	33,960

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	98.39	671,300
TENDERLOINS	95-100	100.49	129,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.62	84,338
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.47	57,600
LEGS	29-30	30.57	115,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	14-15	15.94	414,240
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	24.77	70,320
THIGHS	23-24	30.71	47,840
B/S THIGHS	69-70	61.12	50,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.30	212,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.40	17,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.28	16,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.05	16,600

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## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	04/05	04/04	04/03	03/31	04/03	03/31	03/29	03/27
Alabama	3,962	4,120	3,957	4,016	5.42	5.27	3,957	5.41
Arkansas	5,419	5,467	5,219	4,534	5.26	4.93	5,365	5.11
Delmarva	2,307	2,290	2,259	2,559	5.78	5.68	2,251	5.83
KY-LA-TN	2,269	2,263	2,207	2,896	5.00	4.96	2,274	5.29
Mississippi	2,904	2,787	2,860	3,342	5.91	5.72	2,439	5.90
North Car	2,607	2,367	2,324	2,660	6.96	6.75	2,327	6.86
Texas	2,519	2,514	2,483	2,450	5.27	5.22	2,517	5.42
Total	21,987	21,808	21,309	22,144	5.59	5.44	21,130	5.59
Mon-Wed	65,627(A)				63,889(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Apr-06 is estimated to be 32,895,000 head up 3.74 percent from a week ago and up 0.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,708,000, last year 32,655,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	04/08/06 (1)	04/01/06
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>THOUSAND HEAD</b>	
Broiler/fryer	164,804 (2)	165,667
Light hens	1,222	1,184
Heavy hens	1,505	1,424
Total	167,531	168,275

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Apr-06 is 163.5 million head compared to 159.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Apr-06 the estimated available is 163.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 04/03/06	81,033	64,881
AM 03/01/06	69,688	69,000
CHG	11,345	-4,119
PCT CHG	16	-6

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	04/03/06	03/27/06	04/04/05	04/03/06	03/27/06	04/04/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	1,157	1,492	3,716	7,469	7,130	6,219
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	69	70	50	3,574	3,491	3,605

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2006

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-81

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 04/04/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	.70	.68	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	10.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.65	1.75	1.70	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.05	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.80	2.85	2.13	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	8.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	8.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	5.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	51						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 31, 2006

	<b>Whole Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>Legs W/Thighs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs &amp; Wings</b>	<b>Livers/ Gizzards</b>	<b>Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	61.26	129.19	70.84	8.33	4.17	62.51
High	70.84	137.52	79.18	12.50	8.33	62.51
Mostly	61.26	137.52	75.01	8.33	4.17	62.51

**SAN JUAN**

Low	60.43	133.35	70.84	8.33	4.17	58.34
High	68.76	141.69	75.01	8.33	4.17	58.34
Mostly	60.43	137.52	70.84	8.33	4.17	58.34

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	58.34	133.35	70.84	8.33	4.17	58.34
High	73.76	137.52	75.01	12.50	8.33	58.34
Mostly	58.34	133.35	70.84	8.33	4.17	58.34

**BECERRA**

Low	58.34	141.69	75.01	12.50	4.17	64.59
High	77.10	150.02	83.35	16.67	8.33	64.59
Mostly	58.34	141.69	83.35	16.67	4.17	64.59

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was in a range of light and unaggressive to instances fairly good. Offerings varied by plant but were readily available at some points and were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, buyer interest was selective. Offerings were generally noted as in a better balance compared to past several days.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	36-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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